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Memorandum

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: Regional Endorsement of Bay Area Projects for Federal TIGER 6 Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently released a Notice of Funding Availability for the \$600 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 6 grant program. This memorandum summarizes the program and past TIGER funding rounds. At your April 11th meeting, staff will provide a recommended TIGER 6 regional endorsement list for Committee consideration.

TIGER 6 Summary

U.S. DOT announced availability of \$600 million for the TIGER 6 program, with applications due on April 28, 2014. The guidelines are similar to prior TIGER rounds. For non-rural areas, grant requests must be between \$10 and \$200 million. Each state is limited to 25% of total available funding, rural areas are guaranteed \$120 million, and up to \$210 million can be awarded for TIFIA loan projects. This round also includes a set-aside of up to \$35 million for planning efforts.

The primary selection criteria, listed below, are similar to the previous TIGER funding round.

TIGER 6 – Primary Selection Criteria

1. State of Good Repair
2. Economic Competitiveness
3. Livability
4. Environmental Sustainability
5. Safety
6. Project Readiness (funds must be obligated by September 30, 2016)

The U.S. DOT guidance also includes the following statement:

Across the Federal Government, the Administration is dedicated to enhancing opportunity for all Americans by investing in transportation projects that better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services (including for non-drivers) and that hold promise to stimulate long-term job growth, especially in economically distressed areas. Additional consideration will be given to proposals that seek to strengthen opportunities to expand the middle class. While the Department will award funds to a variety of project types, priority consideration will be given to applications that address this objective.

MTC Project Endorsements in Prior TIGER Rounds

TIGER Projects	MTC Endorsed (\$ millions)	Amount Awarded (\$ millions)
Doyle Drive Replacement	\$50.0	\$46.0
California's Green Trade Corridor	\$28.0	\$30.0
BART SVRT Extension: Revenue Vehicle Storage at Hayward Yard	\$50.0	-
BART Oakland Airport Connector - TIFIA	\$5.0	-
TIGER 1 Total	\$133.0	\$76.0
BART SVRT Extension: Improvements at Hayward Maintenance Yard	\$20.0	-
East Bay Parks - Green Transportation Initiative	\$24.5	\$10.2
Candlestick Point/Hunters Point Shipyard Arterial Roadway, Bus Rapid Transit and Bike Network (Harney Way Segment) in San Francisco	\$15.0	-
TIGER 2 Total	\$59.5	\$10.2
Sonoma-Marin SMART Pathway	\$18.0	
Union City Intermodal BART Phase 2	\$15.0	
Mission Bay/UCSF Hospital Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure	\$15.0	
Hunters Point Shipyard/Candlestick Point Arterial Roadway, Bus Rapid Transit and Bike Network	\$15.0	
BART SVRT Extension: Improvements at Hayward Maintenance Yard	\$15.0	
TIGER 3 Total	\$78.0	\$0.0
Caltrain Advanced Signal System - Positive Train Control	\$34.0	\$0.0
Oakland Army Base Rail Improvements: Phase I	\$20.0	\$15.0
Mission Bay/UCSF Hospital Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure		\$10.0
TIGER 4 Total	\$54.0	\$25.0
Caltrain Early Investment Program	\$20.0	\$0.0
ACTC I-580 Express Lane Project	\$27.0	\$0.0
Transbay Transit Center - Bus Storage Facility	\$18.0	\$0.0
Fairfield Vacaville Intermodal Station Project**	\$9.0	\$0.0
Napa Vine Trail**	\$4.0	\$0.0
TIGER 5 Total	\$78.0	\$0.0
TIGER Totals	\$402.5	\$111.2

*TIGER I and II Total includes \$3.1 million for two Bay Area planning grants awarded under TIGER II: Oakland Army Base Infrastructure Master Plan (\$2M) and Grand Boulevard: Removing Barriers to Livable Communities (\$1.1M).

** Submittals in rural set-aside category

TIGER 6 Endorsement Approach

On March 3rd, staff released an open call for projects to request a Letter of Interest, due to MTC by March 17th, from sponsors intending to submit TIGER 6 applications. For this extremely competitive program, staff intends to use this call for projects to develop a recommended endorsement list focusing on a limited number of regional priority projects that appear competitive based on the TIGER 6 selection criteria. As in past rounds, eligible agencies are permitted to submit projects without regional endorsement.

Recommendation

Staff will return in April with a recommended TIGER 6 endorsement list. Today's item is for information only.


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